

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

May 17, 1988

JOE PALMISANO, JR.
Chairman

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

AGENDA

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 17, 1988

Chairman Joe Palmisano presiding:

Tuesday, May 17, 1988 - 10:00 AM

Jack Cappel
Don Hines
James Jenkins
Norman McCall
Warren Pol
Dale Vinet

Ms. Virginia Van Sickle was also present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meeting of April 28, 1988 were approved with a motion from Dr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Vinet and approved unanimously.

Hugh Bateman presented a resolution concerning goose creeping. Mr. Vinet made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Dr. Cappel and was approved unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution
is made a part of the record)

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WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service establishes regulations for taking migratory birds, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may adopt more restrictive regulations than those presented by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to protect, conserve, and enact regulations designed to protect and conserve wildlife, and

WHEREAS, the "goose creeping" regulation that was in effect for the 1987-88 waterfowl season proved to be an effective deterrent, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the regulation prohibiting the method of goose hunting known as "goose creeping" be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Hugh Bateman explained that the Department in cooperation with the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation conducted a research program to obtain biological information through a voluntary check station. The spring turkey hunters brought the bagged bird in voluntary to a station to have it weighed, measured, and otherwise examined. Danny Timmer, the department's turkey study leader reported that response was so good that 1,525 turkeys were checked and the program will be repeated again next year. Participating hunters became eligible for a drawing for three Remington 870 shotguns donated by the Wild Turkey Federation and the Baton Rouge chapter of Safari Club International. The recipients announced at this meeting were Ricky Holifield of Pearl River, Wiley Garrett of Coushatta and Don Breland of Picayune, Mississippi.

Bennie Fontenot presented a resolution to ratify the Chicot black bass harvest regulations. Mr. Vinet made a motion to ratify the resolution, seconded by Dr. Hines and was unanimously approved.

(The full text of the resolution is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statute Title 56:325.5, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is authorized to designate the creel limits and size limits for black bass in any waterbodies of the state in which the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is conducting research relative to creel and size limits, and

WHEREAS, Chicot Lake is a favorable location for conducting research relative to black bass creel and size limits, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is conducting research in Chicot Lake relative to creel and size limits, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission that the size limit and creel limit for black bass in Chicot Lake shall be as set forth in the attached rule.

Ray Montet gave an update on oyster and shrimp patrols in Regions 5, 6, 8 and 9 for the week of May 9 through May 13.

Corky Perret reported on the shrimp season. He stated that Zone 2 opened officially the day before. He explained some charts which showed rainfall, salinity and water temperature. Information presented was through April 28th.

Virginia Van Sickle asked the Commission to reconsider the opening dates for the brown shrimp season in Zones 1 and 3 following legislative mandate in light of recent information presented by the Seafood Division. Mr. Jenkins made a motion to change the dates for the opening of brown shrimp season in Zones 1 and 3, seconded by Dr. Hines which passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made
a part of the record)

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each year, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 states that one of the shrimp seasons must commence no later than May 25 and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:967 states that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may employ the provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) when setting the shrimp season thereby allowing the most recent technical data be considered in determining the opening and closing dates, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission by Emergency Declaration does:

1. Hereby set the 1988 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zone 1 (From South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Louisiana-Mississippi State Line) at 6:00 AM on May 25, 1988.
2. Hereby set the 1988 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zone 2 (From South Pass of the Mississippi River to the Western Shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island) at 6:00 AM on May 16, 1988.
3. Hereby set the 1988 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season to open in Shrimp Management Zone 3 (From the Western Shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana-Texas State Line) at 6:00 AM on May 25, 1988, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and empower the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 1988 Inshore Shrimp Season in any area where the season needs to be closed to protect forthcoming white shrimp crop as defined in R.S. 56:497, now

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall give a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to the closing of the 1988 Spring Shrimp Season or the opening of any special season.

Corky Perret presented a resolution to remove Little Bayou Pierre and the area west of Queen Bess Island from the area available to oyster leasing. Mr. Vinet made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Pol and was passed unanimously.

(The full text of the resolution is made
a part of the record)

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WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is continuing to study the pelican population on Queen Bess Island, and

WHEREAS, the brown pelicans on Queen Bess Island are used to restock other historical brown pelican nesting areas along the Barrier Islands, and

WHEREAS, this work requires the Department have access to the Queen Bess Island, and

WHEREAS, an oyster lease on the west side of Queen Bess Island has lapsed, and

WHEREAS, the Department maintains a remote facility (Grand Pass port of entry) on Little Bayou Pierre in St. Bernard Parish, and

WHEREAS, a large number of boats, both public and private, dock regularly at Grand Pass, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission concurs with the decision of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to remove the area on the west side of Queen Bess Island and Little Bayou Pierre from the area available for oyster pursuant to her authority outlined in R.S. 56:427.

Mr. Palmisano stated that there was a problem with an area opened to offshore trawling that is actually in inside waters. Phil Bowman reported that there is a bill in the legislature at this time to correct this and to keep this from reoccurring. This bill will become effective upon the signature of the Governor. A complete report on how the map was distributed and how the error occurred will be given at the next Commission meeting.

The June meeting date had already been set but everyone was reminded that it will be in Baton Rouge on June 2-3, 1988.

Mr. Jenkins asked some questions concerning oyster leases. He requested a complete report on oyster activities as it relates to leases and recommendations with options for public bidding.

Mr. Harry T. Widmann came before the Commission on behalf of Anthony and Louise Keko with reference to an oyster lease. Mr. Palmisano stated that they will take this under advisement for recommendation at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

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BATON ROUGE, LA. 70898

BUDDY ROEMER
GOVERNOR

May 12, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: VIRGINIA VAN SICKLE
SECRETARY

FROM: COLONEL RAY A. MONTET
CHIEF-LAW ENFORCEMENT

SUBJECT: OYSTER AND SHRIMP PATROLS

The Enforcement Division Shrimp Patrol for the week of May 2 through May 8 was very active in the Region 8 area (New Orleans) and little or no action in Region 5 (Lake Charles) or Region 6 (Opelousas).

Region 5 had 11 Enforcement officers on patrol, 4 were from North Louisiana, 7 were local agents and there were 14 cases made. Six cases were motorboat violations, six were angling without a license, and two were undersize crab cases. No evidence was seized.

Region 6 had 12 officers on Shrimp Patrol. Four were from North Louisiana, 6 local agents and two specialists. There were a total of 57 cases made. Thirteen were undersize crab cases, 5 were commercial fish cases and 20 were motorboat violations. No evidence was seized and the undersize crabs were released back to the water.

Region 8 had 36 officers on Shrimp Patrol. Twelve were from North Louisiana and 24 were local officers. There were a total of 265 citations issued for oyster, sport related and commercial fishing violations. Evidence seized was as follows: 200 sacks of oysters, 3 oyster dredges, 32 speckled trout, 16 gill nets, 4 trawls, 1 outboard motor, 8 redfish and 300 illegal crabs. *(see attached)*

If I can be of any further assistance you, please contact me.

RAM/crl

xc: Kell McInnis
Winton Vidrine

REGION 8 CASE BREAKDOWN

Total cases in Region 8 were 265. Five were trawling cases, 2 were gill net cases, 51 were oyster related and the rest were sport fishing.

RESOLUTION

1988 Spring Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission
on
May 17, 1988 - Baton Rouge

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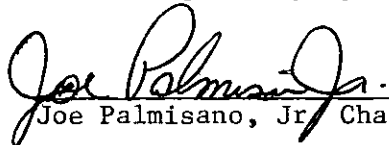
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall give a minimum of 72 hours notice prior to the closing of the 1988 Spring Shrimp Season or the opening of any special season.


Joe Palmisano, Jr. Chairman

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

RESOLUTION REMOVING AREAS FROM OYSTER LEASING
ADOPTED BY THE WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 17, 1988

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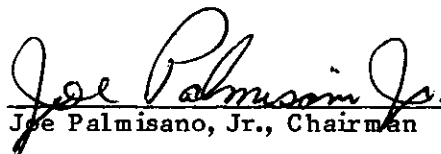
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WHEREAS a large number of boats, both public and private, dock regularly at Grand Pass

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission concurs with the decision of the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to remove the area on the west side of Queen Bess Island and Little Bayou Pierre from the area available for oyster leasing pursuant to her authority outlined in R.S.56:427.


Joe Palmisano, Jr., Chairman



Virginia Van Sickie
SECRETARY

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ACTIVITY REPORT

FROM: April 1, 1988 THRU April 30, 1988

During this period, office and field activity consisted of:

1. 4 Crews that applied for permits to work
2. 40 Crews that we received notifications for work
3. 34 Crews that were working during the month
4. 1 Crews that cancelled work that was scheduled
5. 2 Crews that renewed or applied for bond to work in state

For month of April, 1988 we collected
\$ 44,744.85
Collections year to date \$ 500,243.10

TOTAL ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE:

	1987	1988
1.	<u> </u>	<u>7</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u>160</u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u>141</u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u>3</u>
5.	<u> </u>	<u>4</u>

DATE SUBMITTED: May 6, 1988

March

1986

April 8

May 3

2,093,789.15). Thence S. 62° E. for approx. 3,500' to the most southerly point of an island between Pelican Pass and Taylors Bayou, lat. 29° 10'42" N. (y-186,197.64), long. 91° 01'48" W. (x-2,096,807.44). Thence S. 50° E. for approximately 2,600' to a point of land on the southeast side of the mouth of Taylors Bayou, lat. 29° 10'28" N. (y-184,788.70), long. 91° 01'26" W. (x-2,098,761.59). Thence S. 73° E. for approx. 4,600' to the most southeasterly point of land at the mouth of Jack Stout Bayou, lat. 29° 10'14" N. (y-183,386.79), long. 91° 00'36" W. (x-2,103,198.31). Thence along the south shoreline to a most easterly point of land on the west side of the mouth of Grand Bayou du Large, lat. 29° 10'52" N. (y-187,271.97), long. 90° 57'42" W. (x-2,118,612.37). Thence south 57° 49' E. for approximately 3686' to the southern most point on the east shore of Grand Bayou du Large, lat. 29° 10'36" N. (y-186,138.00), long. 90° 38'26" W. (x-2,221,095.00). Thence in a southeast direction along the shoreline to the south easterly most point on the west shore of Bayou Grand Caillou lat. 29° 10'16" N. (y-184,175.00), long. 90° 37'51" W. (x-2,224,215.00). Thence south 13° 00' E. to the south western most point on Bayou Grand Caillou lat. 29° 09'47" N. (y-4,181,205.00) long. 90° 37'44" W. (x-2,224,901.00). Thence in a southeast direction along the northeast shore of Caillou Bay to a most westerly point of land on the north side of Grand Pas Des Ilettes, lat. 29° 07' N. (y-163,970.49), long. 90° 53' W. (x-2,154,347.92). Thence S. 36° E., for approx. 3,000' to the most westerly point of land on the south side of Grand Pas Des Ilettes, lat. 29° 06'30" N. (y-160,902.76), long. 90° 52'43" W. (x-2,145,223.31). Thence in a southeast direction along the northeast shore of Caillou Bay to the most westerly point on the north shore of Pass Wilson, lat. 29° 04'50" N. (y-150,833.46), long. 90° 51'15" W. (x-2,153,072.26). Thence S. 07° E. for approx. 3,000' to the most westerly point on the south shore of Pass Wilson lat. 29° 04'25" N. (y-148,308.18), long. 90° 51'15" W. (x-2,153,082.82). Thence S. 34° 30' E., for approx. 8,500' to the most westerly point on the south shore of Caillou Boca, lat. 29° 03'15" N. (y-141,254.29), long. 90° 50'30" W. (x-2,157,106.60). Thence south, southeast along the west, southwest coast of the island to U.S.C. & G.S. Station Gap, lat. 29° 02'18" N. (y-135,588.61), long. 90° 49'56" W. (x-2,160,083.23). Thence along the south shore of the Isles Dernieres to the most easterly point on the west side of Whiskey Pass lat. 29° 02'57" N. (y-139,522.94), long. 90° 46'55" W. (x-2,176,198.78). Thence S. 55° E. approximately 3,500' to the most westerly point of land on the east side of Whiskey Pass, lat. 29° 02'36" N. (y-137,416.78), long. 90° 46'20" W. (x-2,179,315.92). Thence in an easterly direction along the south shore of Isles Dernieres to a point

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May 16, 1988

MEMORANDUM

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SECRETARY

FROM: COLONEL RAY A. MONTET
CHIEF-LAW ENFORCEMENT *RAM*

SUBJECT: OYSTER AND SHRIMP PATROLS

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Region 5 had 14 Enforcement officers on patrol. Six were from North Louisiana, 8 were local agents and there were 30 cases made. Thirteen cases were motorboat violations, 2 crab cases made, 8 angling without a license, 3 commercial fish, 2 unattended gill nets, and 1 no wholesale/retail dealer license. No evidence was seized.

Region 6 had 12 officers on Shrimp Patrol. Four were from North Louisiana, 6 local agents and 2 specialists. There were a total of 51 cases made. Thirty-one were undersize crab cases, 17 motorboat violations, 2 trawling cases and 1 transporting with no license. Evidence seized was two 25 foot trawls.

Region 8 had 47 officers on Shrimp Patrol. Eighteen were from North Louisiana and 29 were local officers. There were a total of 172 citations issued. Twenty-eight were for no recreational license, 34 were commercial license violations, 58 for boat violations, 16 were oyster cases, 2 undersize crab cases, 31 closed season trawling cases, 2 butterfly in closed season and 1 oversize trawls. Evidence seized was as follows: 500 lbs. shrimp (back to water), 173 reds and trout, 1 gill net, 22 eel cat, 3 blue cat, 19 trawls, 4 sacks of oysters, 2 slat traps.

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Virginia Van Sickle
May 16, 1988

Region 9 (S.W.E.P.) had 53 total cases. Thirty-five were for trawling in closed season, 8 no license in possession, 3 no vessel license, 3 no gear license, 1 undersize crabs, 1 possession of red drum, and 2 for improper running lights. Evidence seized was 44 trawls.

If I can be of any further assistance you, please contact me.

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RESOLUTION

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, the method of taking geese known as "goose creeping" oftentimes results in the overbagging and/or excessive crippling loss of geese, and

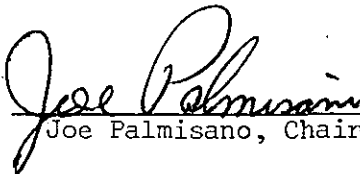
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WHEREAS, the "goose creeping" regulation that was in effect for the 1987-88 waterfowl season proved to be an effective deterrent, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the regulation prohibiting the method of goose hunting known as "goose creeping" be adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.



Joe Palmisano, Chairman

Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary

NOTICE OF INTENT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act (R.S. 49:950 et. seq.) the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has developed a regulationsprohibiting the method of taking geese known as "goose creeping". This action was taken at a public hearing on May 17, 1988 at 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (A copy of the Resolution signed by Secretary Virginia Van Sickle is attached). Authority to establish rules is vested in the Commission by Section 115 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

In general this proposal makes it unlawful to approach geese by creeping, crawling, or stalking for the purpose of taking geese or thereafter causing geese to be taken. "Take" shall be defined as the attempt or act of pursuing, netting, capturing, snaring, trapping, shooting, hunting, wounding or killing by any means or device.

Interested parties may submit their views io writing to Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator, Game Division, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P. O. Box 11570, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895.

RULE

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at it's regular meeting in August, 1988 adopted a rule prohibiting a method of taking geese known as "goose creeping". This regulation change will be in effect for the 1988-89 waterfowl season.

This regulation shall make it unlawful to approach geese by creeping, crawling, or stalking for the purpose of taking geese or thereafter causing geese to be taken. "Take" means, in it's different tenses, the attempt or act of hooking, pursuing, netting, capturing, snaring, trapping, shooting, hunting, wounding, or killing by any means or device.

For those interested, more details are available at the address listed below:

Hugh A. Bateman, Administrator
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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70895

News Release 88-
Bob Sheldon
May 20, 1988

Approved by Virginia Van Sickle
Hugh Bateman

THREE TURKEY HUNTERS BAG NEW SHOTGUNS

Their names drawn by lot, three lucky turkey hunters have received a gift of new shotguns for participating in a research program conducted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Hundreds of hunters aided in the project during the turkey season just ended, said Danny Timmer, the department's turkey study leader. They took their turkeys to check stations where the birds were weighed, aged, measured and otherwise examined.

Timmer said hunter response was so good that 1,525 turkeys were checked--about twice as many as had been anticipated--and the program will be repeated next year.

Participating hunters became eligible for a drawing for three Remington 870 shotguns donated by the Wild Turkey Federation and the Baton Rouge chapter of Safari Club International.

The winners, announced at a meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, were Ricky Holifield of Pearl River, Wiley Garrett of Coushatta and Don Breland of Picayune, Miss.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
COMMISSION AT ITS REGULAR MEETING HELD IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, MAY 17, 1988.

RESOLUTION

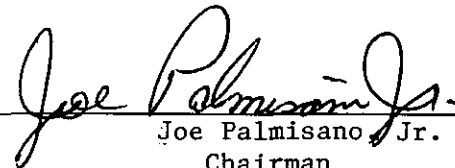
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WHEREAS, Chicot Lake is a favorable location for conducting research relative to black bass creel and size limits, and

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission that the size limit and creel limit for black bass in Chicot Lake shall be as set forth in the attached rule.

Virginia Van Sickle
Secretary


Joe Palmisano, Jr.
Chairman


RULE

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes a 14 inch minimum size limit and a 10 fish daily possession limit for black bass in Chicot Lake, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana concurrent with a research project. This rule shall be effective June 1, 1988 through December 31, 1989.

Authority for adoption of this rule is included in R.S. 56:325.5.

Virginia Van Sickle
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Buddy Roemer
Governor

Wild Turkey Check Stations

The Spring 1988, voluntary weigh station program for checking in harvested turkeys was a success. The information will be analyzed from the data sheets, and an accumulation of data over the years will help to manage the wild turkey in Louisiana. The following is a list of turkeys weighed in by Districts with percent of juveniles to adults:

DISTRICT	TOTAL	JUVENILE (%)	ADULTS (%)
District I-Minden	34	12 (35%)	22 (65%)
District II-Monroe	54	12 (22%)	42 (78%)
District III-Alexandria	284	82 (28%)	202 (71%)
District IV-Ferriday	65	17 (26%)	48 (74%)
District V-Lake Charles	52	18 (34%)	34 (66%)
District VI-Opelousas	211	30 (14%)	181 (86%)
District VII-Baton Rouge	825	160 (19%)	652 (81%)
TOTALS	1525	337 (22%)	1188 (78%)

The total of 1525 wild turkeys were weighed in at one of the 200 weigh stations throughout the State. Some minor problems in this program will be evaluated and adjusted for the 1989 turkey hunting season.

If the big game survey remains consistent with its present trend, then the 1525 birds harvested will represent approximately 25% of the total statewide kill.

BIG GAME SURVEY 1975, 1980-1986

YEAR	# HUNTERS	# BAGGED	HUNTING EFFORTS
1975	9,400	2,000	50,000
1980	10,800	3,500	75,000
1981	12,000	3,900	84,800
1982	15,700	5,700	125,000
1983	17,600	7,800	130,000
1984	15,600	7,800	118,000
1985	19,700	6,500	140,000
1986	16,100	6,100	122,000

Present and future plans:

Present

1. Continue excellent trapping relationship between the Department and private landowners.
2. Continue working closely with the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation.
3. Continue the field testing of wild trapped birds for Mycoplasma gallisepticum.
4. Continue restocking all available turkey habitat in Louisiana.
5. Continue turkey weigh station.

Future

1. Complete publication on "History of the Wild Turkey in Louisiana".
2. Address the problem of turkey hunting accidents.
3. Host the 14th annual Wild Turkey Technical Committee Meeting, May 23-25, 1988.
4. Developed research to address the problem of turkey release failures in Northwest Louisiana.

TURKEY TRAPPING RESULTS

YEAR	TURKEY TRAPPED IN LA	TURKEY RECEIVED FROM OTHER STATES	TOTAL
1962	1		1
1963	25		25
1964	9		9
1965	65	Florida - 51; Miss. - 4	126
1966	80	Alabama - 9; Miss. - 5	94
1967	62	Florida - 74; Miss. - 17	153
1968	9	Mississippi - 33	42
1969	36	Florida - 26; Miss. - 27	89
1970	163	Mississippi - 19	182
1971	236		236
1972	260		260
1973	136		136
1974	81		81
1975	51		51
1976	78		78
1977	53		53
1978	110		110
1979	93	South Carolina - 6	99
1980	171		171
1981	282	South Carolina - 14	296
1982	30	Arkansas - 3	33
1983	115	S. Carolina- 27; Ark.-12	154

TURKEY TRAPPING RESULTS

(Continued)

YEAR	TURKEY TRAPPED IN LA	TURKEY RECEIVED FROM OTHER STATES	TOTAL
1984	29		29
1985	171		171
1986	54		54
1987	135	Missouri - 23	158
1988	258		256
TOTALS	2,793	350	3,143

YEAR 1988

Store Identification # Vernon

LOUISIANA TURKEY HARVEST

Name and Address of Check Station

Cavanaugh Hunt - Sugar Cr. Rd. 2 Box 112

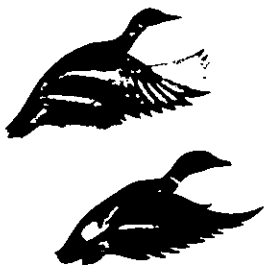
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY / ZIP CODE	PARISH KILLED	DATE KILLED	TIME KILLED	WEIGHT (LBS)	BEARD LENGTH (INCHES)	SPUR LENGTH (INCHES)
1. Lee Ashworth	Rt-2 Box 310 Leosville LA	Leosville 71446	Vernon	3-2-88	7:00 AM	11 1/2	3 1/2	3/8
2. Leo Fee	Rt-2-Box 449	PITKIN LA	Vernon	3-26-88	7:30 AM	17 1/4	9 1/2	7/8
3. A. F. OH JR.	Rt-1 Box 89 DeRidder	DeRidder 70634	Beauregard	4-5-88	10:05 AM	14	5 1/4	1/2
4. A. F. OTT Jr	Rt-1 Box 89	70634	Beauregard	4-6-88	6:55 AM	13	3 1/2	3/8
5. SERRY L. PELT	Rt-2 Box 462-1	PITKIN LA	Vernon	4-6-88	11:30 AM	13 1/2	4	3/8
6. RON Ne/MS	Rt-1-Box 1400	SUPLOR LA	Vernon	4-9-88	7:00 AM	15 1/4	9	1 1/6
7. Arthur Rockett	432 Dolby St.	Lake Charles LA 70605	Vernon	4-11-88	7:00 AM	12	4 1/2	3/8
8. Lynn Thetford	Rt-2 Box 630	PITKIN LA	Vernon	4-12-88	8:30 AM	12	4 1/2	3/8
9. Jerry Johnson	PM 181 Sugarloaf	Sugarloaf LA	Vernon	4-12-88	8:30 AM	14	4	3/8
10. Orville Left	Rt-2 Box 45A	PITKIN LA	Vernon	4-14-88	7:10 AM	14	9	1
11. C. W. CARAWAY	Rt-2 Box 75	PITKIN LA	Vernon	4-16-88	2:15 PM	17 3/4	9 1/2	5/4
12. ORVILLE Polt	Rt-2 Box 45A	PITKIN LA	Vernon	4-23-88	6:00	12 1/2	3 3/8	1/4
13. C. W. CARAWAY	Rt-2 Box 75	PITKIN LA	Vernon	3-29-88	6:55 AM	17	9 1/2	3/4
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Paula:

Agenda items for Commission Meeting on May 17, 1988:

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2. Notice of Intent to include Little Bayou Pierre into the oyster seed grounds.
3. Notice of Intent to remove the area East of Queen Bess Island from the area available to oyster leasing.

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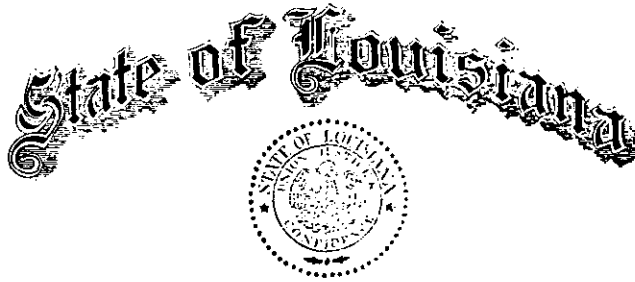
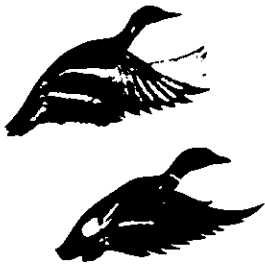
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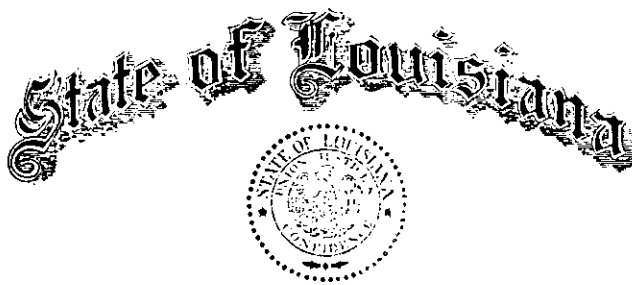
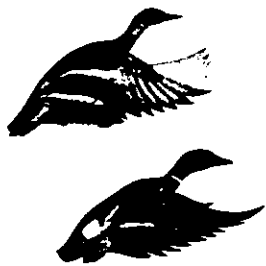
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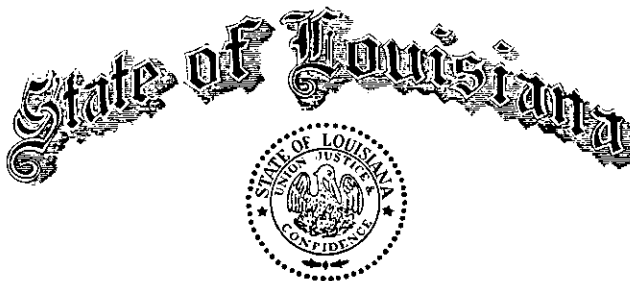
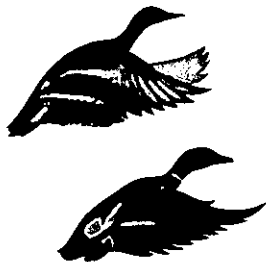
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COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES
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03-46
ACTIVITY REPORT

FROM: April 1, 1988 THRU April 30, 1988

During this period, office and field activity consisted of:

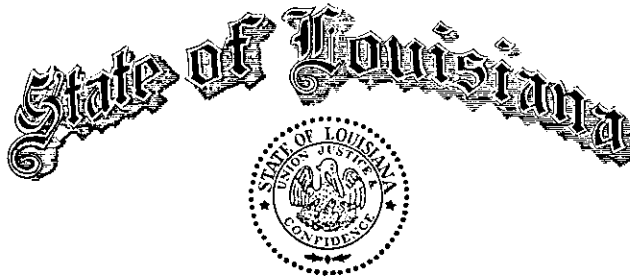
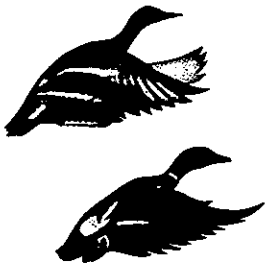
1. 4 Crews that applied for permits to work
2. 40 Crews that we received notifications for work
3. 34 Crews that were working during the month
4. 1 Crews that cancelled work that was scheduled
5. 2 Crews that renewed or applied for bond to work in state

For month of April, 1988 we collected
\$ 44,744.85
Collections year to date \$ 500,243.10

TOTAL ACTIVITY YEAR TO DATE:

	1987	1988	
1.	<u> </u>	<u>7</u>	<u> </u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u>160</u>	<u> </u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u>141</u>	<u> </u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>
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DATE SUBMITTED: May 6, 1988



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May 12, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bobby Misso, Assistant Secretary, Office of Wildlife

FROM: Hugh Bateman, Chief, Game Division

SUBJECT: Shotgun Drawing as a Result of Turkey Check Station Participation

During the 1988 Spring hunting season our Department initiated a voluntary statewide wild turkey check station system. Even though we have collected some information from "Big Gobbler Contest" held at various business establishments throughout the State, this information is of little help in attempting to better manage our wild turkey resources.

Approximately 200 weigh stations were set up this past March and April throughout the State in all turkey hunting areas. These stores were selected by the District Supervisor in his respective district and all necessary material was delivered to each business establishment. Since this was voluntary on the hunters part, we felt very strongly that some type of incentive was necessary to insure good participation.

Three Remington 870 magnum shotguns were donated by private organizations to be given away at a public drawing to individuals who participated in the program. Two guns were donated by Safari Club International, Central Louisiana Chapter of Baton Rouge, and one gun donated by the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation. Both organizations also donated money to purchase the necessary supplies that were needed at each weigh station. We certainly appreciate the cooperation of the Safari Club and the Louisiana Wild Turkey Federation in helping make this a very successful and worthwhile project.

As you will note this drawing for the shotguns is on the May Committee Meeting agenda. I would like for the committee chairman or Mrs. Van Sickle to pull the three winning names at that meeting.

HAB:DT:sb



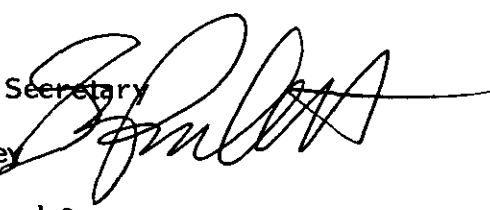
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May 13, 1988

MEMORANDUM

TO: Virginia Van Sickle, Secretary
FROM: Don Puckett, Attorney 
RE: Opening on Zones 1 and 3

This is to reiterate the events surrounding the re-opening of Zones 1 and 3 on May 25. SCR 136 by Doland apparently "directed" the Commission to open these zones on May 25.

On Thursday, May 12, after passage of this resolution and consultation with four of the Commission members, you announced that these zones would be opened on May 25.

This action was taken pursuant to Section 317 and was based upon legal advice from two attorneys, one being the Deputy Secretary and the other being the Governor's legislative liaison and a former legislator. Additionally, prior to this time on Wednesday, May 11, 1988 you were urged by the Attorney General to open these zones on this date using "your emergency power."

Section 317 requires publication three (3) times in the official journal of each parish in which the order is to be effective, and at least once before its effective date. Therefore, no citations may be written in those parishes in which no publication has occurred.

I have recommended to you that this season opening reconsideration be placed on the Commission's regular meeting agenda of Tuesday, May 17 to be set in accordance with the provisions of Section 497. This is out on an abundance of caution to insure that there can be no question about the legality of the opening date. This requires 24 hours notice in the official journal and posting on the building. Additionally, I have recommended whatever News Releases are possible in this time frame.

The Commission's action cannot take effect for 72 hours after notice to the public (News Release to the news media). Therefore, if the Commission

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establishes May 25 on the 17th this would not take effect until May 20. Again, out of an abundance of caution and because of legal questions, I recommend that no seizures of shrimp or equipment be made until the 72-hour period has expired.

DP:lhj

May 10, 1988

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: Virginia Van Sickle
SUBJECT: May Board Meeting

The next regular public board meeting as set by the Commission will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 17, 1988 at the Quail Drive office in BatonRRouge.

1. Approval of Minutes of April 29, 1988

HUGH BATEMAN

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